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SUBJECT: CHILEAN MILITARY TRAINING

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1. THE GOC HAS LONG STANDING MILITARY EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE TRAINING OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IN TECHNICAL, COMBAT AND INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS WITH PERU, SPAIN, ECUADOR AND BRAZIL. MORE RECENTLY, THE CHILEANS APPEAR TO HAVE OPENED THEIR TRAINING SCHOOLS TO CANDIDATES FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. STUDENTS FROM SALVADOR (IR 6 817 0112 78), COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, PERU, GRENADA AND VENEZUELA HAVE BEEN TRAINED HERE DURING THE PAST YEAR IN MILITARY SCHOOLS RANGING FROM NCO ACADEMY THROUGH THE WAR ACADEMY AND INCLUDING TACTICAL TRAINING. THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO EXISTING COURSES RATHER THAN BEING PLACED IN A SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE GOC PLANS TO START AN ALTERNATIVE OR REPLACEMENT FOR, E.G. THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS.

2. CHILEAN MILITARY ARE BEING TRAINED IN OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY BRAZIL AND SPAIN (IR 6 817 0046 78 AND DAO SANTIAGO 071620Z JUL 78). THEY HAVE ALSO RECEIVED TRAIN-
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ING IN ARGENTINA, PERU AND FRANCE.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF ALLEGED MILITARY EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA AND BETWEEN CHILE AND ISRAEL.
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